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Marcy Leavitt, Chief
Surface Water Quality Bureau
State of New Mexico Environment Department
P. O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-6110

Re: Approval of the WQCC-Approved TMDL for the Rio Puerco Watershed-Part 2

Dear Ms. Leavitt:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6 has reviewed the final total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) transmitted to Miguel Flores on August 21, 2007, for the Rio Puerco watershed. Following our review and evaluation of this TMDL package developed by the State of New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for temperature, nutrients, and aluminum in the segments Rio Puerco watershed, EPA is pleased to approve the following TMDLs:

Waterbody Name / 303(d) List ID	Pollutant
Bluewater Creek (NM-2107.A_01)	Total Phosphorus / Total Nitrogen
Bluewater Creek (NM-2107.A_01)	Temperature
Bluewater Creek (NM-2107.A_00)	Total Phosphorus / Total Nitrogen
Bluewater Creek (NM-2107.A_00)	Temperature
La Jara Creek (NM-2107.A_46)	Chronic Aluminum
Rio Moquino (NM-2107.A_10)	Total Phosphorus / Total Nitrogen
Rio Moquino (NM-2107.A_10)	Temperature
Rio Puerco (NM-2107.A_40)	Total Phosphorus / Total Nitrogen
Rio Puerco (NM-2107.A_40)	Chronic Aluminum

This approval action involves a total of 13 TMDLs for water quality limited segments on New Mexico's 2004 Section §303(d). Included in this TMDL submittal was a TMDL Implementation Plan. Presently, EPA has no duty to approve or disapprove implementation plans under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Therefore, EPA is taking no action to approve or disapprove the TMDL Implementation Plans submitted by NMED.

We appreciated the opportunity to work closely with NMED throughout the development of these TMDLs. We have been impressed with the dedication and technical rigor which they


have brought to this process. In particular, Heidi Henderson should be commended for her effort.

We look forward to implementation of these TMDLs, and Canadian River watershed. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call me at (214) 665-7101, or you may call Curry Jones of my staff at (214) 665-6793.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miguel I. Flores', written in a cursive style.

Miguel I. Flores

A small handwritten mark or flourish in black ink, located to the left of the title.
Director,

Water Quality Protection Division

Enclosures